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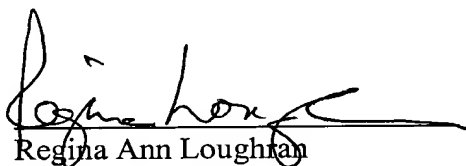
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The relevance in the Search Examiner's opinion, of the references is as indicated in the Search Report. However, none of the citations disclose the features of detecting tags indicating the presence of operable code and the removal of such tags and operable codes as required by independent claims 1 and 15.

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